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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1905.

**Railroad Tax and Revenue.**

The certification by the State Board of Assessors to the various taxing districts of the State, of the assessed valuation of the second-class railroad and canal property located within such taxing districts, gives the first approximate estimate of the effect of the law passed last winter changing the rate of taxation on that class of property from \$15 per thousand of valuation to the local rate. The total increase in valuation of such property in the State is nearly \$4,000,000, bringing the aggregate to \$46,699,496. A considerable proportion of this increase is, however, fictitious, for more than \$3,000,000 of it is to be accounted for by the fact that the ferry property of the Lackawanna Railroad Company, formerly assessed locally by Hoboken, has now been transferred into second-class railroad property, and assessed on that basis by the State Board of Assessors.

But in the true increase of valuations, Essex county comes in with a showing of \$178,950, of which amount all but about \$15,000 is to be credited to Newark. The valuations of second-class property in Newark in the year 1904 were \$1,065,552, while this year there are \$1,229,188. Under the old rate of taxation, that city received \$15,363.26 last year. Under the new law, and with the increase in assessed valuations, Newark will receive from the same source this year, provided the local tax rate remains at \$2.27, the same as it was last year, a total of \$37,902.56, or an increase in revenue of \$11,919.24. This is quite a substantial sum, but the permanent increase will not be nearly so large. After this year, provided the Hillery maximum tax rate law remains on the statute books, the tax rate in Newark will be reduced to \$1.70, with a consequent falling off of over \$7,000 in the amount that the railroads will be forced to pay the city on their second-class property. That will be the inevitable result of the operation of the Hillery law unless the State Board of Assessors can be forced to again raise the valuations of the second-class property to an amount that will produce as much revenue at 1.7 per cent. as it formerly did at 2.7 per cent.

**Proposed Trolley Extension.**

In attempting to obtain consents for the proposed new trolley line along Springdale avenue, East Orange, the Public Service Corporation has struck some strenuous opposition at the hands of several wealthy property owners along Prospect street in the vicinity of the avenue. The corporation expects to have the new line start from the end of the Orange road line, which ends in Montclair just over the East Orange line, along that avenue to one of the cross streets below Grove, and thence to the Roseville car barns. Part of the route will be through private property, but owing to the objections, the whole plan may have to be abandoned.

Prominent in the movement to block the plan of the trolley people is Charles Hathaway, who resides in a handsome house at the corner of Springdale avenue and Prospect street. His rear lot has a frontage of nearly 400 feet on the avenue, and adjoining it are 400 feet belonging to William M. Franklin, who refuses to sign, owing to the stand taken by Mr. Hathaway. During the recent fight to have a cross-town line erected through the city of East Orange, Mr. Hathaway took a prominent part in the movement, and as he believed that the Public Service had some hand in the turning down of the application he has decided to try to block any plan of that body towards the construction of a line in the northern part of the State.

**Enough and to spare.**

The rumor that the organization may seek to oppose City Comptroller J. H. Bacheller to Mr. Colby for the nomination for State Senator has not aroused much comment, as it is believed Mr. Bacheller has had enough of Senatorial honors and responsibilities and will not consent to run.

Many Bloomfielders would no doubt be delighted with Mr. Bacheller as a candidate for Senator. They would undoubtedly do their best to convince him that he has had enough of Senatorial honors.

**Public School Opening.**

The announcement that the public schools will open on Wednesday, September 6, indicates that the long vacation is drawing to a close and teachers and pupils will begin to gather here to resume

**Political Items.**

William B. Rawson of Williamson avenue has been requested to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Town Councilman from the Second District of the First Ward.

Councilman Herbert C. Farrand's friends claim that talk about a serious opposition to Mr. Farrand's nomination is not well founded. Mr. Farrand's popularity with his constituency has not diminished in the least it is assured.

Second Ward Republicans who are casting about for a candidate for Councilman, seem to think that the drift is in the direction of former Councilman James M. Walker.

Charles Nicolai, a department foreman in the Sprague-Electric Works and a property owner in the Second District of the Third Ward where he is well-known, is being urged to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Councilman in that Ward.

Talk of an opposition ticket at the primary has aroused Councilman Charles W. Chabot's friends and they are preparing for a lively contest.

No less than five candidates are talked of for the position of County Committeeman from the First District of the First Ward.

**Primary Law Instruction.**

Special attention will be given to expounding the primary law to voters at the Colby mass meeting to be held in Central Hall, Wednesday night. Every voter of no matter what political party affiliation will be interested in that feature of the meeting.

**Business Men's Holiday.**

Business Men's Holiday was observed here Wednesday. Rain marred some of the projected pleasure schemes for the day. Nearly every place of business in the town was closed.

**Habne & Co., Newark.**

"Bargain" is a magic word that always attracts attention when other words utterly fail to do so. Never has "Bargain" been so potent as at this time, when Habne & Co. are so offering the best summer bargains in the history of Newark's retail trade. The great furniture sale, which is a rebuke to New York's high prices is a pronounced success. Until the end of the month the bargains to be had in Habne & Co.'s twelve-acre store will be phenomenal in every department.—Adv.

**Take Notice.**

You have heard of the two J's. Yee; what about them? First, they are Arthur & Stanford; second, they are plumbers; third, owing to the increase of business and needing more room, they have purchased the old plumbing establishment of J. B. Harvey, 547 Bloomfield avenue, and will occupy it after September 1st. The old customers and new ones are invited to give them a call. They will carry a full line of the latest up-to-date sanitary plumbing fixtures; also steam, hot air and hot water heaters. You know they have always been called the busy plumbers. They must have done good work and pleased their customers, or else they would not have succeeded as they have. Just watch them grow, and when you are in need of a plumber, tinner, steam or gas fitter, give them a call.—Adv.

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opposite Baptist Church.**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.**

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscribers, the executors of Mary M. Osborne, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Saturday, the twenty-third day of September next.

Dated August 4, 1905.

LEWIS E. OSBORNE,

HARVEY L. OSBORNE.

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Dated August 1, 1905.

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Except Sunday & Wednesday Evenings.**Scheuer Employee's Picnic.**

The employees of S. Scheuer & Bros., in Bloomfield, held a successful picnic at Glenwood Park Wednesday. In spite of the stormy weather, the attendance was large. "Sam" Gaffey amused the women and children, as well as the men in the afternoon with his "Punch and Judy" show and magic. The Glenwoods defeated the Liberty A. C. by a score of 6 to 1. Charles Vesterman won the greased pig race. The hammer throw was won by J. Fisher, Jr., while Miss Anna Bell captured the potato race. The egg contest was won by Miss Elizabeth Edland. Matthew McNally, Jr., won the sixty-yard dash for boys. The sixty-yard dash for young men was won by John Maxwell. Frank Preston won the hop, skip and jump contest. The committee of arrangements consisted of J. W. Murphy, president; M. Newman, vice-president; John Miller, secretary; George Formoz, treasurer; Joseph Sheppard, chairman; William Janicke, A. Hawhurst, J. Jacobs, John Ingles and P. Hyde.

**Alleged Highway Robbery.**

George Fraser of 74 Willow street visited the police station Saturday night shortly after 9 o'clock and reported to Chief of Police Collins that he had been held up by two negroes on the platform of the Lackawanna Railroad station and robbed of \$16 and a silver watch. One of the men held his arms while the other went through his pockets. Fraser told the chief that he fought the highway men as well as he could, but when one of the men told him he would shoot him if he did not cease struggling he kept quiet. Fraser is a brass moulder. His clothing was covered with dirt, caused, he said, by the men throwing him from the platform after they had robbed him. Fraser says the men ran up the railroad track toward Glen Ridge.

**Chicken Thieves Aroused.**

Chicken owners in the southern part of the town are much concerned over the numerous robberies of hen coops that have lately occurred in that vicinity. Several thefts of chickens have been reported to the police. On Thursday night George Stout discovered a villainous looking tramp in his chicken coop and gave chase but failed to catch him. The tramp dropped the chicken that he had evidently selected for a meal.

**Hit His Mark.**

A Watseasing man shot a hole through an electric light shadow Thursday night. He was aroused by the barking of a dog, and looking out of the window thought that he discovered an intruder in the back yard and sent a bullet at him. Investigation proved that the supposed intruder was the shadow cast by a bush, that intercepted the rays of a nearby arc light.

**New County Bridge.**

Contractor Martin J. Callahan has the contract for a county bridge across John street, Belleville. The street is now closed on account of the bridge work in progress, and drivers going from this town to Belleville by way of Belleville avenue, turn into Willett street thence to Mill.

**Watseasing M. E. Church.**

The services in the Watseasing M. E. Church to-morrow will be as follows: Sunday-school at 10 A. M.; preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M.; subject, "The Mother Heart of God." Subject at 7.30 P. M., "The Tragedy of the Wine Cup." This is a very important message for the people of the community. Appropriate music will be rendered.

**Patents Issued.**

Patents issued to Jersey men and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., Solicitors of Patents, corner Broad and Market streets, Newark, N. J.:

Pipe coupling lock, G. A. Catalani, Newark; seal (3 patents), E. J. Brooks, East Orange; key locking device for pneumatic tires, J. Caruthers, Garwood; game apparatus, C. A. Darlus, Jersey City; journal box, J. O. Fritts, Newark; lemon squeezer, E. D. Biddlekauff, Plainfield; electric switch, J. E. Rusby, Nutley; blower for fan, J. H. Seymour, Newark; pneumatic dispatch tube apparatus, J. F. Skirrow, East Orange; Benson burner, O. Wiederhold, Bloomfield. Trade-marks—shirt and waist holders, Consolidated Fin. Co., Bloomfield; soft and stiff fur hats, No Name Hat Manufacturing Co., Orange.

**PROPOSALS.**

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Bloomfield, N. J., until Monday, August 21, 1905, at 2 P. M., for the construction of a sewer in James street, to connect with the sewer already constructed in Broad street.

The price bid must include the furnishing of all material and labor; also the cost of excavating, refilling and removal of all surplus material.

The following are the approximate quantities:

180 feet 8-inch diameter salt glazed vitrified sewer pipe.

50 feet 6-inch Y branches on 8-inch pipe.

2 manholes complete.

120 feet 8-inch cast iron pipe.

40 linear feet of 4-inch I beams.

25 cubic yards of concrete.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of James H. Bacheller, Town Surrogate, Bloomfield National Bank Building, Bloomfield, N. J.

Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for \$100, drawn to the order of the Town of Bloomfield, as a guarantee of good faith of the bidder.

The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Each proposal must be sealed and endorsed "James Street Sewer Proposal," and addressed to Wm. L. Johnson, Town Clerk.

By order of the Town Council,  
Wm. L. JOHNSON,  
Town Clerk.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., AUGUST 7, 1905.

**Fire in a Stable.**

The bottom of a lighted lantern hanging on the side of Rowland S. Hill's stable in Montgomery street dropped out Sunday night about 10 o'clock and set fire to a grain bin. Three horses in the stable were in a state of panic when they were released and led out by Mr. Hill and John N. Delhagen. An alarm from box 24 called out the firemen, and they quickly extinguished the flames before much damage had been done. The structure is owned by the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company.

**Official Figures.**

Not long since it was heralded broadcast that an enumeration by a clergyman of the town showed that Montclair contained 3,000 negroes within its borders and an equal number of Italians. The figures were discredited at the time by Montclair people. The State census recently taken gives the colored population of Montclair 1,817, and the Italian 874.

**Church Services.**

The Rev. Warren N. Voss of Perth Amboy will occupy the pulpit of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church during the Rev. Elliott W. Brown's vacation.

**Musical Instruction.**

Mrs. Helen Clark Hummel, graduate of Stern's Conservatory, Berlin, will receive pupils in piano and singing. 66 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.—Adv.

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